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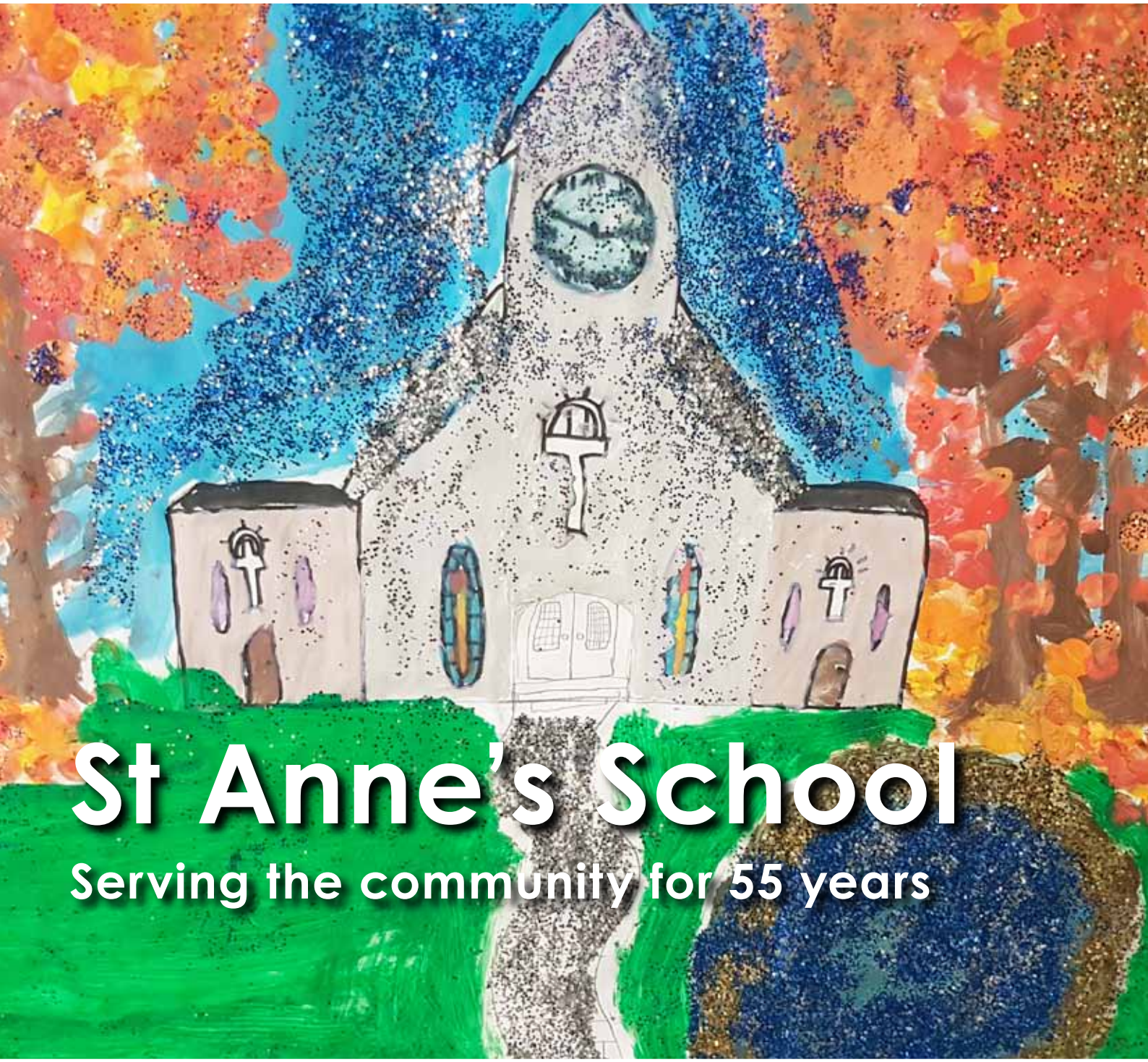

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SEPARATED AND DIVORCED INFORMATION

A support network for separated, divorced, and divorced and remarried people meets regularly in Shankill. All are welcome to contact the network by texting 087 3646067 or by emailing us at listeningear14@gmail.com.
All communications will be guaranteed complete confidentiality and everyone will be warmly welcomed.

Place: St. Anne's Resource Centre.
Date: Second Tuesday of every month.
Time: 8pm

Dance Theatre of Ireland

Well Dance classes are continuing in Shankill Tennis Club on Wednesdays from 1.30-3 p.m. Vintage Youth Ensemble, which is DTI's Seniors Performance Group, will showcase a dance piece entitled 'It's About Time' in the DLR Lexicon (Library) Studio Theatre in Dun Laoghaire on Saturday, 18 November at 2 p.m. and again at 3.30 p.m. This inspiring show expresses memories and reflections on life and aging and shares stories common to us all no matter what age we are. Tickets are available on Eventbrite. More information on DTI's website at: http://www.dancetheatreireland.com/pages/VintageYouthItsAboutTimeNovember2017.htm

Memorial Teddies

Liz makes teddies which are called memorial teddies. They are made from items of clothing of a loved one who has passed away. This is a lovely idea to hand onto grandchildren, great grandchildren or even for adults to hold onto the memory of their loved ones.

Liz's own mother passed away in July. She made 20 teddies for her mother's great grandchildren and found this whole experience very therapeutic.

Teddies can also be made from someone's favourite item of clothing which they do not want to part with like pyjamas, dressing gowns and shirts. They can also be made from a child's first baby gro or baby blanket. Young children's pyjamas can become their favourite bed time teddy. Cushion and bed spreads can also be created from items of clothing.

If interested Call Liz on 0868889594

SHANKILL ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (SARA)

Due to Storm Ophelia and the consequent closing of the Resource Centre on 16th October, the SARA AGM had to be postponed. It will now take place on Monday 21st November at 3pm in The Resource Centre. We really want a big turn-out at this meeting as the decision will be made as to whether SARA will continue with a new committee, or will be closed.

AUTUMN GOODIES!

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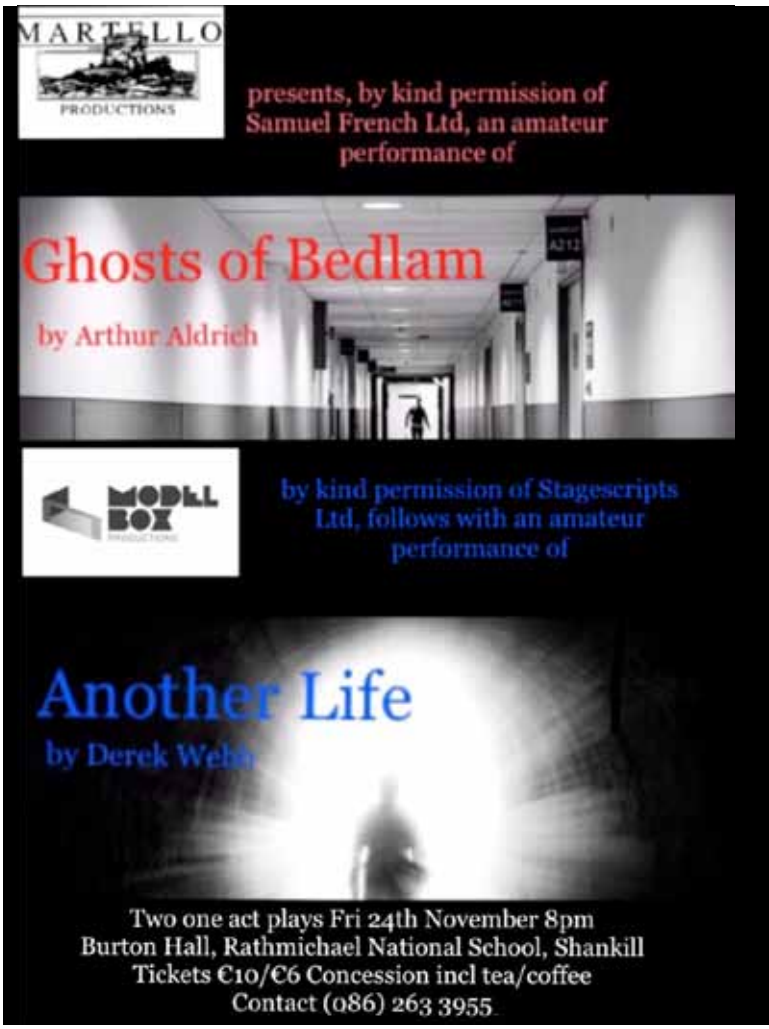
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Citizens Information

Budget 2018 was announced on 10 October 2017. Some of the changes announced in the Budget come into effect immediately. Others take effect from the beginning of January 2018 or later in 2018. NOTE - Some elements of these measures may change when the legislation required to bring them into effect is enacted.

A summary of the main changes is set out below:

The *standard rate income tax band* for all earners is increasing by €750. This means an increase from €33,800 to €34,550 for single individuals and from €42,800 to €43,550 for married one earner couples. The **Home Carer Tax Credit** will increase from €1,100 to €1,200. The **Earned Income Credit** will increase from €950 to €1,150 - for taxpayers earning *self-employed* trading or professional income in certain cases and for business owner/managers who are ineligible for a PAYE credit on their salary income. **Mortgage interest relief** is being extended for remaining recipients (owner occupiers who took out qualifying mortgages between 2004 and 2012) on a tapered basis. 75% of the existing 2017 relief will be continued into 2018, 50% into 2019 and 25% into 2020. *The relief will cease entirely from 2021.*

Universal Social Charge (USC) - Incomes of €13,000 or less will continue to be exempt from USC in 2018. Once your income is over this limit, you will pay the relevant rate of USC on all of your income as follows:

- €0 to €12,012 @ 0.5%
- €12,012 to €19,372 @ 2%
- €19,372 to €70,044 @ 4.75%
- €70,044+ @ 8%

Medical card holders and individuals aged 70 years and older whose aggregate income does not exceed €60,000 will now pay a maximum USC rate of 2%.

Weekly social welfare payments will increase by €5 per week with proportional increases for qualified adults and those on reduced rates of payment. (This also applies to employment programmes such as Community Employment (CE), Tús and Rural Social Scheme) - from March 2018. Those aged 26 and under who are getting a reduced rate of *Jobseeker's Allowance* will receive the full €5 increase - from March 2018. The weekly rate for a *qualified child* will increase by €2 from €29.80 to €31.80 - from March 2018. **State Pensions** will increase by €5 per week with proportional increases for qualified adults and those on reduced rates of payment - from March 2018. **Working Family Payment (formerly called Family Income Supplement -FIS)** income thresholds will increase by €10 for families with up to 3 children - from March 2018. The **Back to Work Family Dividend** scheme which aims to support families to move from social welfare to employment will be retained. The **Fuel Allowance** season will be extended by 1 week, from 26 to 27 weeks, into the first week of April 2018. A **Christmas Bonus** of 85% will be paid in *December 2017* to people getting a *long-term social welfare payment* (minimum payment of €20). A new **Telephone Support Allowance** at a weekly rate of €2.50 will be introduced *for those getting the Living Alone Allowance and who are eligible for the Fuel Allowance* from June 2018. The *earnings disregard* for the **One-Parent Family Payment** and the **Jobseeker's Transition** payment will increase by €20 per week, from €110 to €130 per week - from March 2018. A new **Youth Employment Support Scheme** will be introduced in 2018 to support long-term unemployed young people back into the workplace. There will be ***no change to Child Benefit.*** The national minimum wage will *increase from €9.25 per hour to €9.55 per hour.*

From 1 January 2018, the *prescription charge* for *medical card holders under the age of 70* will be reduced from €2.50 per item to €2 per item. The monthly cap will be reduced from €25 to €20. The monthly threshold for the **Drugs Payment Scheme** will reduce from €144 to €134, from January 2018.

There will be an additional *1,280 teaching posts* in schools in September 2018. A further *1,091 Special Needs Assistants* will be recruited. There will be 6,000 new *apprenticeships* and 10 new apprenticeship schemes in 2018. 1,000 additional **Springboard** places will be introduced. 2,100 extra places will be provided in higher education to cater for demographic growth. **Early Childhood Care and Education Scheme (ECCE)** - *From September 2018, ECCE will be extended from the current average of 61 weeks to give an entitlement of a full two years (76 weeks) of care and education.* An additional 800 **Gardaí** will be recruited during 2018 together with 500 civilian personnel.

HOUSING

A total of €1.83 billion is allocated to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for housing in 2017. An increase of €31 million has been allocated to the *Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme,* bringing the total to €115 million. Local authorities and approved housing bodies are to build approximately 3,800 new social houses in 2018. From 2019, an extra €500 million will be provided for the *direct building programme,* to build an additional 3,000 social houses by 2021. Funding for the **Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)** scheme is increasing by €149 million to €301 million. This will provide for an additional 17,000 households to be accommodated under HAP in 2018 and support the nationwide rollout of the *HAP Place Finder Service* for people who are in emergency accommodation. The current allocation for *homelessness services* is increased by €18 million, to over €116 million. It is intended that there will be 3,000 exits from homelessness in 2018. As part of the development of the Family Hubs programme, 6 new facilities are due to become operational by the end of 2017. An extra €5 million is provided for the *mortgage to rent scheme*, bringing its funding to €22 million for 2018. Up to €750 million of the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund is being made available for commercial investment in housing finance. These funds will be made available to a new entity, to be known as **Home Building Finance Ireland (HBFI)**, which will increase the availability of debt funding on market terms to commercially viable residential development projects. A new scheme is being introduced to refund *stamp duty* on property transactions in respect of commercial land bought for the development of housing. To avail of the refund scheme, developers will have to start the relevant development within 30 months of buying the land. A new, time-limited *tax deduction for pre-letting expenses* is being introduced to encourage owners of *vacant residential property* to bring it

into the rental market for a minimum period of 4 years. The property must have been vacant for at least 12 months to qualify. A cap on allowable expenses of €5,000 per property will apply. This relief will be available for qualifying expenses incurred up to the end of 2021. It will be subject to clawback if the property is withdrawn from the rental market within 4 years.

To pay for the above the following changes were made, in addition to savings etc.

The *excise duty on a packet of 20 cigarettes* is being increased by 50 cents (including VAT) with a pro-rata increase on the other tobacco products, and an additional 25c on roll your own tobacco. This took effect from midnight on 10 October 2017. A tax on sugar sweetened drinks **(Sugar Tax)** is to be introduced on 1 April 2018. The tax will apply to sugar sweetened drinks and will apply at two rates, depending on the sugar content - 20c per litre and 30c per litre. The rate of **Stamp Duty on non-residential property** increased from 2% to 6% from midnight on 10 October 2017. **VAT on sunbed services** will increase from 13.5% to 23%. A **Vacant Site Levy** will be charged from 2019 on lands that are suitable for housing but are not being developed. A levy of 3% will apply in 2019, as already planned. The rate will increase to 7% in the second and subsequent years. At present, property owners can get full relief from *Capital Gains Tax* if they retain qualifying assets for 7 years. This period is being reduced to 4 years.

The VAT rate on the tourism and services sector remains unchanged.

The Government proposes to establish a **Rainy Day Fund** in the coming year and *transfer at least €1.5 billion to it from the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund, with annual contributions of €500 million to commence in 2019.*

For a full list of the Budget changes that were announced, please see the Department of Finance and Department of Public Expenditure and Reform website, **budget.gov.ie.**

The Citizens Information HELPLINE is: 0761 07 4000 - OR - Call in to the Citizens Information Centre at Marina House, Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire at any time between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. No appointment necessary. Clarence Street is the turning to the right at the traffic lights at the junction of Lower Georges Street, Cumberland Street and York Road, Dun Laoghaire. Citizens Information offers a free, confidential and impartial service to the citizens of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown on a very wide range of issues. Phone Dun Laoghaire CIC at: 0761 07 7400.

Shankill GAA Club

YOUR COMMUNITY - - - YOUR GAA CLUB

The Dubs Alive, Alive O. What a year it has been for the Dubs with picking up the Brendan Martin cup to add to the Sam Maguire which the men already won. Our little club played a big part in helping the ladies to victory when 120 players, parents, grandparents and several others travelled on two bus loads to Croke Park for the game. What a day of drama it turned out to be, with scores very tight in the match and ever present threat of the Mayo forward line the tension was almost unbearable right to the end. However with the introduction of some Dublin subs including our good friend **Molly Lamb** the Shankill contingent went wild and the Hogan Stand was rocking with the thunderous noise. Dublin eventually won and we are happy to win, for Mayo it's been a tough year but I am sure they will soon have their day. Molly true to her promise brought the cup to our Academy in Shanganagh Castle where she was greeted with hugs, kisses, photos, claps on the back and even a few tears. What fantastic role models these ladies are for our young boys and girls, we let the pictures tell the story.

The Blanket Defense. There is a lot of discussion these days about the blanket defense, sweepers, players behind the ball, double marking, etc. However it appears that the Shankill boys have perfected their own method of the blanket defense "simply pack the goal mouth". Well I never stop wondering!

Our new Coaches. Congratulations to our new coaches who completed the Foundation Coaching course which was held over two nights in Scoil Mhuire. The future is bright when we have committed people who want to help out in the club.

Welcome Ladies. A very warm welcome to the ladies adult football team the turn out is brilliant. All abilities is catered for. If you want to be involved contact:
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SHANKILL BOWLING CLUB

by Paddy Hughes, PRO

The Finals of our domestic club competitions were held on Sat & Sun 7th& 8th Oct. *"Finals Day"* is an important day in the Clubs calendar of events. Not a lot of surprises this year with perhaps a few disappointments. The results are as follows:

Ladies Champion: Liz. Mc Elhinney; R/Up: S. Farrelly.

Mens Champion: Coin Sheppherd; R/Up: A. Murtagh.

Two bowl singles: Bill Kavanagh; R/Up: J. Byrne.
Michael Cryan Trophy: Martin Kelly;
R/Up: M. Quirke.

Terry Jackson Cup: Pat O'Toole & Jack Gilmore;
R/Up: A. Tyson & M. Quirke.

Mountainview Trophy: Bill Kavanagh; R/Up A. Murtagh.

A *"Well Done"* to Bill Kavanagh on his achieving two wins!

Alex Tighe Trophy:

Winners: Mary Ryan & Fiona Bennett;
R/Up: Margaret O' Neill & P. Hughes

Kathline Tighe was in attendance to present her prizes!

Prizes were presented on the Sunday by Kay Doohan and Henry Bellew, President.

All Weather League

The following members are due to play:

MEN: T. Dillon, J. Callaghan, H. Bellew. M. Quirke, J. Ring, P. O'Sullivan. P. Hughes, L. Rigley, J. Byrne,

Ladies: Liz. McElhinney, Kay Doohan, B. Tyner, M. Mulrooney, A. Wainwright, M. O'Neill.

AGM: The A.G.M. will be held in our Clubhouse on Thurs. 2nd Nov at 8pm and a full attendance of our members would be appreciated.

We welcome new members Michael & Jacqueline Hall; Paula Morgan; Cathy Doyle and John Hall.

New Members always welcome.

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A message from Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD

Dear Constituent,

After a relatively short time in the Department of Education and Skills, I was delighted to announce major new investment in current and capital spending on higher education as part of Budget 2018. This includes a significant increase in capital investment over the remaining period of the Capital Plan.

The Exchequer envelope over the period 2018-2021 will be increased from €110m to €367 million. This is in addition to the €200m worth of projects, including IADT Dun Laoghaire, which are being selected to progress as part of a Public Private Partnership Programme for the higher education sector.

These combined investments will put us in a position to make substantial progress in addressing infrastructure deficits. I am also providing funding to support greater gender equality in the sector and the forthcoming work of the Gender Taskforce.

I am sincerely committed to working for my constituents in Shankill and the rest of the Dun Laoghaire Constituency. If I can be of any assistance, on any national or local issue please contact me at *mary.mitchelloconnor@oir.ie* or call my constituency office on *01-8892199/2048917.*

Constituency clinics take place the first Friday of every month, by appointment. Please contact Patrick in my office if you would like to attend.

Yours sincerely

Mary Mitchell O' Connor TD
Minister of State for Higher Education

SCAN would like to thank Minister of State Mary Mitchell O'Connor, TD most sincerely for providing information about Budget 2018 for the November issue of SCAN. Because we had already received an article on Budget 2018 from Citizens Information (who provide us with an annual article on budget matters) we have summarised some of the information provided by the Minister so as not to have repetition of information for our readers. As already stated, we feel that the combination of information provided by Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD; Maria Bailey, TD and Citizens Information will provide our readers with all the information they require about Budget 2018.

REFORMING OUR TAX SYSTEM – MAKING SURE WORK PAYS

In addition to the changes listed in the Citizens Information article, please note

- **Capital Gains Tax** owners of qualifying assets can now sell those assets between the 4th and 7th anniversaries of their acquisition with full relief from CGT on any chargeable gains.
- **9% VAT** rate for tourism and related services retained.
- **Weekly social welfare payments** increased by €5 per week from March 2018.
- No increase in **Excise Duty** on Alcohol, Petrol or Diesel.
- **Mortgage interest relief** extended to 2020 on a phased reduction basis.

0% Benefit in Kind rate introduced on Electric Vehicles for the period of one year.

- A new deduction for **Pre-letting expenses** up to €5,000 introduced subject to conditions
- **Charities VAT Compensation Scheme** to be introduced based on the level of non-public funding they receive.
- The Government proposes to establish a **Rainy Day Fund** in the coming year and transfer at least €1.5 billion to it from the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund, with annual contributions of €500 million to commence in 2019.

SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS

- **€554 Million** increased investment in Education.
- **1,280 New Teachers + 1,091 Special Needs Assistants**
- **Pupil teacher ratio** in primary schools to be reduced to 26:1, lowest ever

SUPPORTING FAMILIES

- All weekly social welfare payments (including Job seekers benefit, carers allowance and disability payments to increase by €5 per week from March 2018.
- An 85% **Christmas Bonus** will be paid to those in receipt of qualifying social welfare payments.
- **Maternity Benefit** to be extended to support mothers of premature babies.

FUNDING OUR HEALTH SERVICE

- Threshold for **Drugs Payment Scheme** falls from €144 to €134.
- Total allocation of €55 million to NTPF to reduce hospital waiting lists, almost trebling allocation in Budget 2017.
- **Additional 1,800 staff** aimed at a range of frontline services across acute, mental health, disability and primary care sectors.

INVESTMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- Major new investment in current and capital spending on 3rd level education.
- **€257 million increase in funding** from the Exchequer + **€200 million** worth of projects as part of Public Private Partnership Programme for the Higher Education sector.

LOOKING AFTER OLDER PEOPLE

- **Pension payments increased by €5 per week** from March 2018.
- **Home Carer Tax Credit** increased by €100 to bring it up to €1,200 per year.
- **Telephone Support Allowance** of €2.50 per week from June 2018 to those in receipt of Living Alone Allowance

CHILDCARE

- Funding increased by **€20 millio**n.
- **ECCE Free pre-school programme** to be extended to two full years from September 2018
- **Universal childcare payment** for children ages six months to three years retained.
- Increased rates in targeted childcare subvention schemes to continue in 2018 in advance of **Single Affordable Childcare Scheme**

SUPPORTING HOUSING

- **Help to Buy Scheme** retained.
- **€1.83 billion** allocated to housing in 2018.
- 50,000 new **social housing** units by 2021.
- **An additional 17,000 households** to be supported by HAP in 2018
- **Vacant site levy** to be increased from 3% to 7% in the second and successive years, to encourage developers to build on owned lands.

(Source: http://budget.gov.ie/budgets/2018/2018.aspx)

Stephen McGovern *Trading as*

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SHANGANAGH RAMBLERS CLIMBED CARRAUNTOHILL

by Margaret Dromey

Shanganagh Ramblers, our local Hill Walking Club, was established over twenty years ago and membership has grown significantly since the early days. The club organises two walks each month – one approximately five hours and the other about three. Most walks take place in the Wicklow and Dublin mountains. The club also organizes 'away week ends' and in recent times the Comeragh Mountains and Ben Bulben, have been climbed.

The October 2017 away trip was to Killarney and involved climbing Carrauntohil, part of the MacGillycuddy's Reeks range and the highest mountain in Ireland at 1,039 meters. (Lugnaquilla, Wicklow's highest mountain is 925 meters).

Fifteen members of the club took on the challenge aided by our two local patient and encouraging guides. They informed us that most people, ascend Carrauntohil via the devil's ladder but they suggested we do it via Br. O'Shea's Gully – a very demanding but more scenic route. They were correct about it being demanding and indeed it was most scenic. We had breathtaking views of several peaks including Caher Na Feinne, Cnoc an Toinne, Cnoc an Chuillinn, Maolan Bui and many others. We were also surrounded by several lakes. With a good deal of scrambling and lots of encouragement, cajoling and support we made it to the top of Carrauntohil via O'Sheas Gully and Caher Na Feinne, in four hours. We were tired but mighty pleased.

A very welcome lunch was had by all but we were a bit envious of the group of much younger climbers who celebrated by cracking open the champagne. Many photos were taken, backs were slapped and there were lots of hoops and hollers. The views from the top were obscured by a mist but as we descended a little the mist cleared and we were treated to spectacular views of the mountain peak from which we had descended.

With all the excitement of having achieved our goal we had not given too much thought to the descent but it proved even more challenging than the ascent. In order to return by the zig zag route which is reputed to be a safe option we had to descend Carrauntohil on to the Bridia valley and then to climb Cnoc an Toinne (hill of the wave). Legs were very tired and each step had to be carefully chosen on the steep descent.

We were gifted with the most amazing views. The mist appeared and disappeared throughout the day and the affect was mystical and magical.

Climbing Carrauntohil has been on my 'to do' list for sometime but I admit as the day approached I experienced great trepidation and wondered if I could rise to the challenge. I am so glad I did as it was one of my most wonderful experiences I have had in the outdoors – not for the faint hearted though.

Further information on Shanganagh Ramblers: *www.shanganaghramblers.com*

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Shankill Classical Music Club

Presenters at the club often range widely over the centuries, selecting music from the present day right back to the baroque and even earlier periods. In his programme, however, John O'Hagan restricted himself to the era to which the textbooks reserve the stricter meaning of "classical", the decades from around 1740 to around 1820. But within that he sampled a number of genres, and a good variety of styles.

Opera was immensely popular, but few of the composers and works that dominated at the time have remained in the repertoire today (except for Mozart, of course). The Secret Marriage by Domenico Cimarosa was a runaway hit, and the bubbling overture is typical of Italian-style comic opera. An austere aria from a serious opera by Christoph Willibald Gluck, sung by Cecilia Bartoli, provided a strong contrast.

This was the century when the string quartet emerged as a new genre. The outstanding composer was Joseph Haydn, but we heard instead a movement from one of his pupils, the Viennese Ignaz Pleyel, who made his career in Paris, not only as a musician, but also as a publisher of music and as a maker of pianos. (His name survives in the title of the famous Paris concert hall, the Salle Pleyel).

The many musical sons of JS Bach straddle the classical period, and we heard examples from two of them. First, a symphony by the youngest, Johann Christian, in a style from which the young Mozart is said to have learned a lot. Then, by contrast, a few movements from a religious oratorio by his much older brother Carl Philipp Emanuel. Although written around the same time as the symphony, the style is much more akin to the baroque genre of theirfather's day, albeit with some features that JSB never dreamt of.

After the interval, we had a piano sonata by another composer famous for his brand of pianos, the Italian Muzio Clementi. This provided the only – but rather tenuous – Irish connection of the evening, as one of his most famous pupils was Dubliner John Field, who also worked for a while as a demonstrator of instruments from Clementi's factory in London. The performance we heard had been recorded in the 1990s on a restored Clementi square piano of 1832.

And finally, Beethoven. Having established himself as an exciting and innovative composer of piano sonatas, chamber music and concertos, he launched himself on the expectant Viennese public in April 1800 with his first symphony – and the rest is history!

For full details of all the pieces and performers, see our website http://www.shankillclassical.org. Shankill Classical Music Club meets at 7.45pm on the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) in the Old Folks' Association Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. New members and visitors are always welcome.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st November. Put the date in your diary now!

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SHANKILL OLD FOLKS DAYCARE CENTRE

We had two lovely celebrations at the Daycare Centre last month. Two of our ladies reached their 97th year, Audrey Gallagher and Nancy O'Brien, and in Nancy's case, not only was she 97, but she had been coming to the Daycare Centre for 20 years.

Audrey was originally from Donegal and moved to live in Blackrock when she was widowed at a young age. She was very active in the community, volunteering as a Meals on Wheels driver in the Blackrock/Monkstown area, and now lives with her daughter in Killiney.

Nancy was born at home in a cottage opposite Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital on Rochestown Avenue on September 28th 1920. She started her education at an all- Irish speaking school in Sallynoggin and moved to The Harold in Glasthule at the age of nine. Growing up Nancy says her life was very simple, and reminisces about playing "Iron Pig" with her friends, a game of chase where you had to touch something made of iron to stay in the game. She left school at fourteen with her intermediate certificate, and started work at Monument Creameries, and then moved on to Glen Abbey where she worked for 50 years.

For many years Nancy looked after her mother at home in Rochestown Avenue, and when her mother died, she moved to Bray, where she still resides. She has a wonderful neighbour, Lily, who is a great support, along with Nancy's nieces and nephews. Nancy never married, not for want of opportunity, but no-one ever matched up to Michael, the love of her life.

On the day of Nancy's celebration, we were delighted to welcome Carrie Smith, our local Labour councilor and Liam de Suin, who provided musical entertainment. We were also able to tell Carrie Smith about recent grants we have received from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown

Audrey Gallagher celebrating her 97th birthday

Nancy O'Brien celebrating her 97th birthday

Community Department which will enable us to do some upgrading of facilities and purchase some specialized equipment.

We are also very grateful to Brady's of Shankill and the Golf Club for generous donations, which help provide for the extras which make the Daycare Centre the special place it is. Anyone over 65 is welcome to come to the Open House Tea Club every Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. Contact Jacinta O'Sullivan on 2826364.

Shankill Old Folks Daycare Centre - Notice

Next Booksale November 4th from 10–1pm. Local Shankill resident Paul Byrne will be signing his book ***"The Irish Patient"*** from 10.30 – 11.30am.

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Overview Of Budget 2018
with Maria Bailey, TD

Families – see Citizens Information Article

Housing and Homelessness

- 3,800 new social houses will be build next year nationally
- Increase in the Housing Assistance Payment by €149 million in 2018. This will provide for an additional 17,000 households to be accommodated under HAP in 2018 and support the nationwide rollout of the HAP Place Finder Service for people who are in emergency accommodation.
- Funding for homeless services will be increased to over €116 million. It is intended that there will be 3,000 exits from homelessness in 2018.As part of the development of the Family Hubs programme, 6 new facilities are due to become operational by the end of 2017.
- Additional exchequer funding of €75m for Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund which will also support local authority delivery of affordable housing
- A new housing agency, Home Building Finance Ireland, to provide cheaper loans to develop 6,000 new homes, funded by €750 million from the Irish Strategic Investment Fund
- Funding to support the health needs of those who are homeless and have mental health and addiction needs.
- An increase of €31 million has been allocated to the Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme, bringing the total to €115 million.
- An extra €5 million is provided for the mortgage to rent scheme, bringing its funding to €22 million for 2018.
- A new scheme is being introduced to refund stamp duty on property transactions in respect of commercial land bought for the development of housing. To avail of the refund scheme, developers will have to start the relevant development within 30 months of buying the land.
- A new, time-limited tax deduction for pre-letting expenses is being introduced to encourage owners of vacant residential property to bring it into the rental market for a minimum period of 4 years. The property must have been vacant for at least 12 months to qualify. A cap on allowable expenses of €5,000 per property will apply. This relief will be available for qualifying expenses incurred up to the end of 2021. It will be subject to clawback if the property is withdrawn from the rental market within 4 years.

Older People

- A further €5 increase in the State Pension to come into effect in March 2018.
- Keeping people independent in their homes:
  - Increase in funding for home adaption grants to help support older people remain at home for longer.
  - Introduction of a new Telephone Support Allowance for those living alone
  - €37 million extra for Home Care packages and transitional care beds.
  - The extension of the Fuel Allowance to 27 weeks, into the first week of April 2018,
  - New primary care fund to support development of GP services, expand community intervention teams and hire more Occupational therapists.

Helping Small Business Owners

- Budget 2018 provides for a €200 increase in the Earned Income Credit, bringing it to €1,150 per year from 2018.
- A Brexit Loan Scheme will be launched in 2018. This will make up to €300m available at a competitive rate to SMEs to help them with their short term working capital needs.

Investing in our future

- Capital Investment has been prioritised and increases by 17%, with an extra €4.3bn for investment across the next 4 years. The total capital budget will now be €5.3bn in 2018.
- Capital investment will double from €3.7bn in 2015 to €7.8bn in 2021; and position Ireland's capital investment level among the highest in the EU.
- The 10 Year 'National Investment Plan' has examined proposals from different departments so the State invests money carefully, gets the best return and aligns it with national priorities. For the first time this investment will be integrated with a new 'National Planning Framework' so that the State spends money on the right projects in the right places.

(Source: http://budget.gov.ie/budget/2018/2018.aspx)

SCAN would like to thank Maria Bailey, TD most sincerely for providing information about Budget 2018 for the November issue of SCAN. Because we had already received an article on Budget 2018 from Citizens Information (who provide us with an annual article on budget matters) we have summarised some of the information provided by Maria so as not to have repetition of information for our readers. We feel that the combination of information provided by Maria Bailey, TD; Minister of State Mary Mitchell O'Connor, TD and Citizens Information will provide our readers with all the information they need about Budget 2018.

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Handy Remedies To Keep At Home

by Ailish Connelly

The autumnal chill is in the air. There's talk of heating going on and evenings closing in, woolly jumpers getting an airing and umbrellas, hats and gloves on standby. We are lucky enough to live in a temperate climate, but its damp here in our green and sometimes sodden land.

Colder wet weather brings snivels and sneezes, close proximity in schools and offices breed minor illnesses and even the best of us succumb to aches and pains. Some help is at hand in our kitchens.

Apple Cider Vinegar

This little wonder worker in a bottle is great for clearing minor skin infections, stomach upsets and indigestion, hair care, as a non-toxic cleaning agent, and as a general tonic. For skin care dilute 1 teaspoon in a small bowl of warm water (100mls) and dab on acne, cuts grazes etc. Always use dilute.

As a tonic, sip one tablespoon diluted in one cup of clean lukewarm water. Its great as an aid to get digestive juices flowing so take 20 minutes before food if you have digestion issues. It can help with candida or dysbiosis and to lower blood glucose levels therefor helping diabetes and weight loss.

Rinse hair with diluted ACV to add shine to help clear scalp of flakes or dry skin.

Add to water in a spray bottle to naturally disinfect surfaces and avoid chemicals.

Always use raw, organic unpasteurised apple cider vinegar, the kind with stuff floating in the bottom of the bottle. That's the raw enzymes and gut friendly bacteria that give such health promoting benefits. Buy a bottle from a good independent health store.

Garlic

Raw garlic packs a punch as an antimicrobial. It will help kill off stomach bugs, cold and flu viruses, warts, ear infections, thins blood, is cardioprotective, has protective properties against cancer and it adds taste and complexity to food.

Add finely chopped to cooked food 5 to 10 minutes before you finish the cooking so as to maximise the health benefits of its bioactive sulphur properties. Wrap a tiny piece of raw garlic in lint and use at the entrance to the ear to help with minor ear aches. Be careful not to let the raw garlic touch skin as it can burn delicate tissue. Mix 3 cloves (crushed) with live yogurt, cucumber and olive oil for a delicious greek dip or appetiser called Tzatziki , dead easy to make and seriously delicious as well as really good for you!

Ginger

I always keep raw ginger on standby at home for tummy aches or colds and flu or sore throats. Take one inch of raw ginger, crush, add hot water and leave to seep for 10 minutes. Add honey (best raw for health) if you like to taste, a squirt of lemon juice and you have a delicious tea that will really ease a sore tummy or throat and help stave off full blown colds. You can leave it go cold and it still tastes great. Ginger, like garlic is anti inflammatory and has similar health benefits. Plus it add a warming zing to food.

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Happy healing.

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School News in scan

Interview with The Principal

Mr. Fingleton Tells All!

By Ava Mulcahy

Hello everyone, and welcome back to the St.Anne's news! Normally I interview children or teachers in the school, but today I have something big, something special. Yes, today I have an exclusive with Mr. Fingleton, our school Principal. He has kindly given me a little insight into his new role in St Anne's and what he did beforehand. Want to learn more? Then keep reading.

Can you believe it, he has been Principal here in St Anne's for almost a year! He has fallen in love with our great school. He really loves his job because every day is different and he loves when he gets to visit our classes or see us all playing in the school playgrounds. Previously he was a Junior Infant teacher in a school in Portlaoise. When he was a child he always wanted to be a dentist, a lawyer or a teacher. Guess the teacher won out! His best day in St Anne's was when he saw the children taking on leadership roles and responsibilities as Student Council members or Media Team members. One of the more memorable things that happened to him as a teacher was when two lively children he had taught, turned up several years later, as adults, with their own very lively child. That one had me chuckling for a while!

He says being a principal is hard work but he knows it will get easier. He says he has no favourite SNA or staff member (just to be on the safe side!). He hopes that in a few years children will develop more leadership skills, and that the teaching and learning will be even more creative. Luckily he was shouting for Dublin in the All-Ireland finals (had to ask, just to be sure), and in one word he describes his job as ***"Unique!"***

Thanks for reading, until next time, Ava Mulcahy, St.Anne's News.

Senior Infants in Ms Hegarty's Class

By Eoin Mulligan

For the past month Ms Hegarty's class have been making new friends and have been playing with each other in yard. Other than making friends the class have been doing a lot of Nature related activities. The class went on a Nature walk and found a variety of nature objects such as leaves and acorns. With these they then made a nature table. One pupil found a large cone about 3 times the size of a normal cone.

In Art they did a leaf rubbing using Autumnal colours. The class really enjoyed that a lot.

St. Anne's N.S. Enrolment Applications
(for Junior Infants starting in 2018)
We will be accepting applications for Junior Infants between the 6th day of November 2017 and the 17th day of November 2017 (inclusive). During this time parents and guardians are invited to call to the school during school hours to complete an enrolment application.
Existing applications for enrolment (incoming Junior Infants) received by school prior to December 31st 2016 will remain valid.
GO TEAM!

Ms Lennon's 5th class

By James Tiernan

Ms. Lennon's class were learning about all elements of the Aztec. For example, they learned that girls married at the age of 14; while boys married at the age of 19.

The Aztecs ate a lot of cheese. Also, they had two gods for most things, for example they had two war gods so one could sleep and one could work.

Ms. Lennon's class also made some Aztec art such as sun stones of clay. Next the class will make some mosaic masks.

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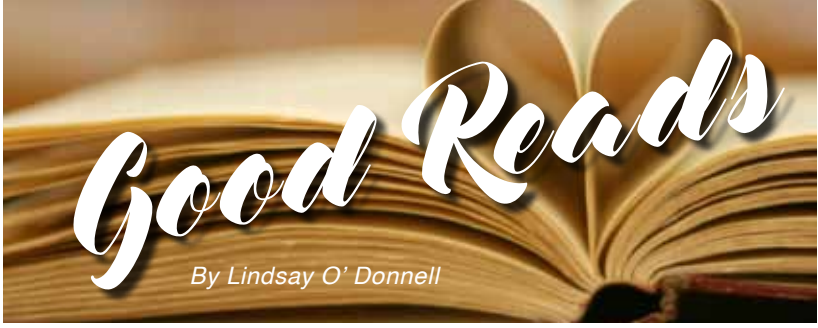

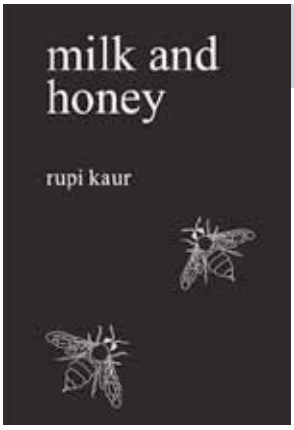

Milk and Honey
Rupi Kaur

Rupi Kaur speaks from the heart capturing her feelings inside every word and illustration. Milk and Honey is a collection of poetry and prose about survival, dealing with the experience of violence, abuse, love, loss and femininity.

I could not stop reading, being taken in with every section. This book takes you through all the bitter moments in life and helps you find the sweetness inside them if you are willing to look, one of the best collection of poetry and prose I have read in a long time.

Six of Crows
Leigh Bardugo

This was a great book that transports you into a magical world full of interesting and complex characters. Welcome to the world of the infamous Kaz Brekker, Criminal mastermind and his group of misfit criminal as they plan an impossible heist. Six of Crows is an action packed story with twists and turns on every page.

This is a great book, beautifully written and wondrously creative, take me to this world and leave me there! This book is perfect for any young reader or any adult too!

The Graveyard Book
Neil Gaiman

This book by award winning Neil Gaiman is gripping read, when a toddler wanders into a graveyard the ghosts and other supernatural residents agree to raise him as one of their own after the grisly murder of his entire family. This is gripping story from start to finish, Neil Gaiman as always has out done himself, I thoroughly enjoyed this book.

It has it all, excitement, suspense and adventure along with amazing characters I couldn't help fall head over heels for. This is a perfect Halloween themed read, with glorious illustrations from Chris Riddell! This is a great read would recommend it highly to anybody who has a love for reading.

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Carrie Smyth

REAL TIME PASSENGER INFORMATION (RTPI) BUS STOP NUMBER 3139 SHANKILL VILLAGE (SOUTHBOUND)

I made representations to Dublin Bus to install a Real Time Passenger Information at bus stop numbers 3139 and 3140. A Real Time Passenger Information was recently installed at bus stop number 3140 in Shankill Village (northbound). I contacted the Area Manager South in Dublin Bus Donnybrook request-ing the installation of a Real Time Passenger Information at bus stop number 3139 in Shankill Village (southbound) and I received the following reply:

"Good news for you, the National Transport Authority (NTA) have released funding for new RTPI units and we have agreed that stop 3139 is included on the list. The unit should be in place in the coming months depending on infrastructure (ESB?)"

GOCAR, SHANKILL DART CAR PARK

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive to consider installing a "GoCar" in Shankill DART Car Park as there are no "GoCar" facilities in the south of the County?*

Reply: A one-year Car Club pilot is currently underway with Gocar and a review will be undertaken towards the end of 2017. In the South of the County, Gocars currently exist in Dalkey, Cabinteely Village and Honey Park development. In addition Gocars can be found at Dún Laoghaire, Blackrock and Booterstown Dart Stations. However a request will be made to Gocar to consider the provision of a Gocar at the Shankill Dart station.

TAKING IN CHARGE THE STARLINGS

At the September Area Committee meeting, the members requested that a headed item on this matter be brought to a future meeting of the Area Committee. Building Control Executive Engineer Mr. Colin Bird met with the principal of Kingscroft Developments, Mr. N. Collins, developer of the estate on the 14th September last to discuss outstanding works (minor works needing attention) & their completion. The developer was furnished with this schedule of works and also a Taking in Charge/Return of Bond Form for him to process. The Taking in Charge/Return of Bond details the items that have to be submitted with the application, that is, as constructed drawings and the relevant certifications by the professional team.

FOOTPATH FOXES GROVE

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive to ensure the installation of a footpath in the green area between Foxes Grove and Eaton Wood Green, Shankill is included in the 2018 Parks Programme of Works?*

Reply: Parks & Landscape Services have included the installation of a footpath at the above location on their schedule of works.

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QUINN'S ROAD, SHANKILL

Credit Unions Top Customer Experience Poll for Third Consecutive Year

Core Credit Union Continues to Offer Best-in-Class Service

Credit unions have earned the number one spot for the best customer experience in Ireland again. Core Credit Union joins 270 other credit unions across the Republic of Ireland in topping the 2017 CXi Ireland Customer Experience League Table for the third year in a row.

The annual survey, carried out by Amárach Research for CXi, asks consumers to rate their experiences of 170 brands across 10 different sectors. Over 42,000 customer experiences were evaluated and credit unions again emerged as the overall winners, being rated highest for integrity, empathy and for the commitment of their staff. They were also singled out for the powerful bond forged with members - and the fact that the relationship with members was built completely on trust.

The CXi noted in its report that the products and services offered by credit unions are designed with the needs of their specific membership in mind, and said that credit unions were 'the perfect example' of organisations that 'genuinely care' about their members. The report also said that trust is a hugely important factor in the rankings, and that credit unions are one of Ireland's 'most trusted brands.'

There was a notable gap in the performance between credit unions and the banks. The highest ranking banks were Ulster Bank and AIB in 89th place.

Commenting on the great achievement by credit unions, Head of Marketing and Communications with the Irish League of Credit Unions, Emmet Oliver said:

> *Our members are our number one priority and each and every credit union endeavours at all times to deliver the highest possible standard of service for them. Credit unions are different from other financial institutions, not just because we are not-for-profit, but because decisions are made at a local level, allowing credit unions a good deal of flexibility to provide services that are tailored to the individual needs of members.*

Also speaking about the accomplishment, Michael Byrne, CEO of Core Credit Union said "We are proud to be part of a movement that is regarded so highly across the country for customer experience. Core Credit Union has always provided the highest standard of member service, because we genuinely care about each and every one of our members. We have forged a strong bond with our members – a bond that is built on trust. We have always put our members first and we will continue to do so."

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Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan

Playing Pitches beside St Annes National School

I have just received confirmation from the Council that the playing pitches beside St Annes School will be brought into use in the very near future.

I have been pursuing this matter on behalf of local sporting clubs for some time now. Hopefully these pitches will provide much needed additional playing amenities for local schools and clubs.

SHANGANAGH PARK HOUSE

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive for a progress report on the provision of the community extension to Shanganagh Park House, Shankill and to indicate a time frame forcommencement of works?*

Reply: A report was brought to the June Meeting of the Dún Laoghaire Area Committee (Housing, Economic Community and Cultural Development, Planning and Organisational Innovation & Infrastructure and Climate Change Business) outlining the proposal to build a single-storey extension to Shanganagh Park House. The proposal outlined plans to provide an area for young people and a new lobby in the proposed extension, between the proposed youth room and the existing Mary Robinson Room as well as improving accessibility to the existing Shanganagh Park House. The proposed plans include an accessible toilet, lobby, ramp, office, multipurpose room for youth and storage units.

Following on from this, and in accordance with Part 8 of the 2001-2017 Planning and Development Regulations, Part 8 documents will be published in early September and will be available for inspection at County Hall, Council Offices Dundrum, Shanganagh Park House and on the Council's website: *https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/.* The plans and particulars of the proposal will remain on display for the statutory 4 week period, with a further 2 weeks allowed for the making of submissions.

Following this, a report will then be brought to Council before end of 2017. If Council approves, plans could then be progressed to implementation over the next 18 months, subject to approvals and securing contractors.

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Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Jim Gildea

COASTAL PROTECTION WORKS AT SHANKILL BEACH

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive when costal protection works will commence at Shankill beach and to outline in detail the scale, nature and expected duration of the works?*

Reply: The Corbawn Lane Beach Access Coastal Works are currently advertised on *eTenders*. The works are anticipated to commence in Q2 2018. The works comprise of the refurbishment of the existing access structure, cliff stability works and coastal protection works over some 180m in length.

PITCHES AND DRESSING ROOMS at STONEBRIDGE ROAD

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the provision of pitches and dressing rooms on the plot of ground between Stonebridge Road and the M50 motorway?*

Reply: The Council are carrying out works at present to make the pitches available for local clubs and schools. It is envisaged that Part 8 for the clubhouse will be progressed towards the end of 2017.

DOG FOWLING ON STONEBRIDGE ROAD ADJACENT TO SCHOOLS

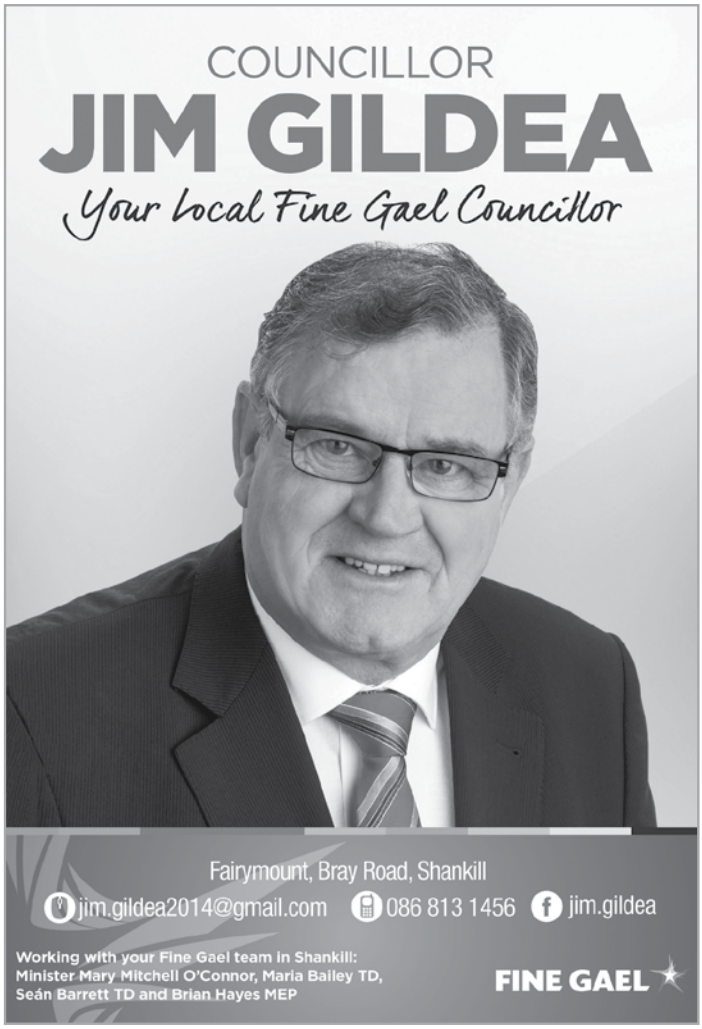
Question: *To ask the Chief Executive to review the placement of warning notices re dog fouling on Stonebridge Road, Shankill and to indicate if additional notices can be erected adjacent to the two schools on this road. It is noted that the existing signs are between 2.5 and 4M above ground level?*

Reply: The Councils Litter Warden will survey the area in question and if appropriate locations are identified, additional anti dog fouling signage will be erected. The existing signage locations will also be reviewed. Signage is generally erected at a height which is out of reach of pedestrians to avoid accidents or interference.

Allotments at Shanganagh Castle.

Motion: *That this Committee, in light of the fact that the lands at Shanganagh Castle will be required for housing purposes in the very near future, calls on The Chief Executive to take whatever actions she deems necessary to ensure that new allotments are provided in the Shankill area by the start of the 2018 season. It is noted that the vast majority of existing plots at Shanganagh Castle are in active use and that the loss of the facility for a season would be disruptive and unfair to the current leaseholders.*

Reply: Every effort is being made to ensure continuity for existing allotment holders in Shanganagh Castle. An alternative site in the vicinity is currently being evaluated, and a further report will issue on the matter shortly.



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SCAN PHOTOGRAPHY SERIES - PART 3

by John Coveney

Welcome to Part 3 of the SCAN photography series. This month, the main topic is editing your shots on your phone, along with a few more shooting tips. You can see previous articles at *www.johncoveney.ie/shankill* or download them as a PDF with clickable links from *http://www.johncoveney.ie/scan-photography-series.pdf*. Don't forget to hook up with other local photographers on the Shankill Photography Group on Facebook – a warm welcome to those who joined in the last month.

Before I get going, I'd like to mention that I got my A (associateship) Distinction recently from the Irish Photographic Federation. Visit my blog at *www.johncoveney.ie/blog* to see the 15 black and white portraits of Hell and Back participants at Killruddery that earned me this high-level qualification – although they were taken on my big cameras . . . not with my phone!

Now, here's 8 tips on editing the shots on your phone.

1. To see you're your shots, tap your Photos icon – it's the multi-coloured flower. As I explained last month, I keep the Photos icon on my phone's dock next to the Camera app.
2. Then select Photos, Memories or Albums from the bottom bar, and use the options at the top of each screen to find the shot you want to edit – here's more on organizing your photos from iPhone Photography School at *https://goo.gl/bho2F1.*
3. Tap the "three lines with circles" icon next to the Bin to start editing - icon positions vary between vertical and horizontal phone orientations. Then tap the "magic wand" icon at the top right to automatically enhance your shot – your first edit is that simple!
4. Chose Cancel to reject or Done to accept the edit. The original image is always kept and the next time you edit, you will see Done replaced by Revert which allows you to discard all your edits.
5. To go beyond automatic enhancement, tap the "three circles" icon at the bottom centre to choose between 8 different Filters including three B&W options and a polaroid look alike. The Filters tool is also in the Camera app, so you can shoot with these on and discard them later with Revert!
6. Once you know your way in and out of edit mode, you can choose the Crop icon to the left of the Filters or the Clock icon to the right to make many more changes. Use the Crop tool to remove parts of the shot, and to change its shape or alignment.
7. The Clock icon has three submenus dealing with Light, Colour and B&W and you can drag several sliders on each of these submenus to profoundly alter your image – but remember less is usually more! Check out this wikiHow guide to editing basics at *https://goo.gl/qngf2j* .
8. To finish on editing, you can also download many other photography apps with lots of additional features and filters. Two of the best are VSCO and Snapseed - free for both iOS and Android. VSCO combines shooting and editing while Snapseed only has the latter – check out tutorials from iPhone Photography School on both at *https://goo.gl/z8jbK9* and *https://goo.gl/P3CGSU.*

This months' shooting tips allow you to take control of exposure and focus. In the Camera app, tap gently on the screen to focus on your point of interest – and then drag up and down outside the yellow square to brighten or darken the shot. Keep your finger pressed on the screen and "AE/AF Lock" comes on – this locks the exposure and focus so you can recompose without these changing as you move the camera. With "AE/AF Lock" on, you can also drag up or down to adjust the exposure while keeping the focus locked. When you are done, turn off "AE/AF Lock" by tapping elsewhere on the screen. There's more iPhone shooting tips on this iPhone Photography School video at https://goo.gl/FMkoMz.

That's it for this month - the 2018 Shankill photo calendar will be launched at the "Christmas in the Village" fair on 26 November. Next month I'll compare iPhone and Android phones and look at printing your images.

Compare this before and after of Aoife at Vogue Hair Design in the Barbeque Centre. I started with the Chrome filter to bring out her dramatic hair colour and brighten the shot and then toned it down a little with the Light sliders.

John Coveney Photography is based in Shankill. John captures high quality images of People, Places and Wildlife, locally and all over Ireland with his phone and his big cameras. You can see his shots at www.johncoveney.ie and on his blog at www.johncoveney.ie/blog. Contact him 087 276 5158 or at pictures@johncoveney.ie.

TidyTowns

Shankill Tidy Towns – It's A Matter Of Pride

A new Tidy Towns year has started off with our recent Public Meeting held in October. At the meeting, residents were given an overview of our work in 2017 and our plans for 2018. We discussed our results in the competitions and it's clear that to improve our position we will need a lot more volunteers and 2 new Committee members. Thanks to all who attended and to the 2 Gardai who attended and answered your concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime in the area.

We have a lot of ideas for 2018 ourselves but any bright ideas you may have are always welcome. The response to our Annual Envelope Appeal will dictate the success of our plans for this year along with the availability of sufficient "willing hands". So we hope to proceed with the idea of creating a number of small sub-groups in each estate/road where the main Tidy Towns will do the "heavy lifting" and the local group will do the on-going maintenance. If you would be interested in setting up a Residents Association in your area to work with Tidy Towns we'd love to hear from you. You can email us on *Shankillmatters.ie.*

Just a reminder of our Community Walk on Bank Holiday Monday 30th October (4 Castles and a Corn Mill) starting at 11:30 from Shanganagh Castle. We're holding our annual Table quiz night in the Tennis Club on Quinns Road on Friday 17th November at 8pm. Both events should be very enjoyable and are worthy of your support - come along & bring a friend - the more the merrier.

We'd like to take the opportunity to thanks those residents who helped us with the watering and planting during the summer.

Don't forget another way to support us is to buy our beautiful Shankill Calendar which will be on sale shortly.

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School News in scan

Rathmichael National School

Some of our children entered the handwriting competition for the Community Games on behalf of Shankill earlier in the summer. Ruby Geelon, Charlie Geelon and Daniel Murphy won medals for their respective categories in the Dublin Finals. They were sent forward to represent Dublin in the National Finals at the end of August. Ruby Geelon took the silver medal for all Ireland. We are very proud of them all.

5th Class entered a competition run by the local Gardaí. This was to celebrate and promote Social Inclusion. We are delighted that Alannah Jackson was a winner and was presented with a medal in Dun Laoghaire Garda Station. Well done Alannah!

The Sponsored Walk took place on Sunday 8th October in Carrickgolligan Wood. It really is a lovely event and the children love running around the well supervised course. Well done PTA for your superb organisation. Lovely to see so much support and happy faces.

At the Rathmichael Church annual Harvest our junior choir sang beautifully. The school enjoys being part of this occasion. Coffee and a sale of goods were held in aid of Christian Aid following this service.

Dun Laoghaire Garda Station Open Day Poster Competition

The theme of this year's art competition was "How to show respect and care for the elderly". We were delighted when one of our pupils from Ms. Murphy's 5th Class came second in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown sponsored competition. Pictured below is the proud winner displaying her medal.

Marine Biologists of the Future

Ms. McCarthy's 4th Class went to Sandycove beach to investigate the flora and fauna of the seashore. On their return to school, they wrote up their reports and produced a colourful and informative corridor display.

Wearing the School Jersey with Pride!

Congratulations to Scoil Mhuire's G.A.A. team on another terrific win in Thomastown. Best of luck in the upcoming games.

Sixth Class visit Kilmainham Gaol

Ms. Power and Ms. Barrett brought their 6th Classes to Kilmainham Gaol. The pupils learned many interesting facts about prison life in the 18th and 19th centuries. They learned how many famous Irish patriots were imprisoned in its cells and of its importance in the history of Ireland. The visit really brought history to life.

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Shankill Tennis Club News

Junior News

Well done to Shankill U16 Stars and Stripes team, a great win in Monkstown on Friday 22nd September. It was a very close run thing, with the final being a draw on games won, but Shankill shading it on matches won. Monkstown LTC put on a great show and the organisation was top-drawer, including pizzas and refreshments, and, as always, making us feel very welcome. Thanks also to the participating clubs for lending us players to make up the numbers. We believe that this is the first Stars and Stripes trophy that Shankill have won, so a landmark achievement by all involved and a good indicator of the healthy state of Junior Tennis in Shankill Tennis Club.

Club Championships

The annual club championships concluded on Saturday 23rd September after a fortnight of great competition. The championships are a great way for members to have an opportunity to play competitive matches against others who they might not ordinarily encounter, test and benchmark their skills and progress, and have a lot of fun in the process. This year saw the emergence of some exciting new talent in the club and great matches were held both throughout the tournament and on finals day. Congratulations to all our finalists and to our eventual champions!

Other news

At time of writing, Shankill Senior League teams have been doing well, with three of the Ladies teams making it out of their groups to the play-off stage, and two Shankill teams then having to play against each other for a place in the quarter finals. We will have reports on how they progress and updates on other club activities so make sure to follow us on Facebook! And finally, Save the Date.... - on the weekends of 17-19th November and 24-26th November, we will be hosting the inaugural Shankill Indoor Tennis Open tournament, at which we hope the very best players in Ireland will be competing. We would love to see you there so feel free to come and enjoy some top quality tennis on your doorstep in Shankill. Details again will be posted on our Facebook page and you can always ring the club (01) 2825400 for further details.

Stars and Stripes Winners 22nd September

Club Champs Mixed Doubles Finalists

Club Champs Ladies Runner Up

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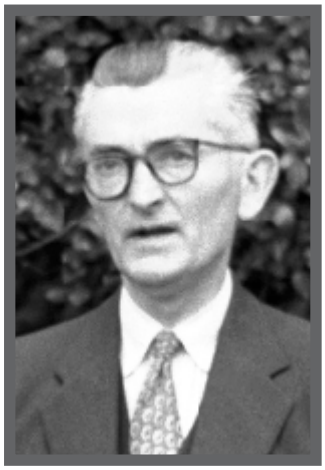
by Gabriel Conroy



We are currently in the middle of a decade of historical reflection as one centenary quickly follows another. Last year it was the 1916 Rising; this year we mark the ill-fated Irish Convention and the death of Thomas Ashe. Still to come are the War of Independence and the Anglo-Irish Treaty. These commemorations have led to a flood of books and articles, as scholars strive to provide new insights into our recent past. But there is another, often overlooked, branch of history that is not concerned with our national heroes. It delves into the lives of ordinary people, their customs and beliefs, as passed down from time immemorial. Much of this undocumented history would have been lost forever were it not for the diligent work of folklorists such as Seán Ó Súilleabháin.

A Kerryman and a teacher by training, Seán Ó Súilleabháin was always interested in the ways of the country folk around him. From a neighbour he recorded the poems and songs of a nineteenth-century bard who was said to have been descended from a mermaid! He also collected stories from a group of elderly residents he met in a Waterford nursing home. Ó Súilleabháin decided to make a career of his pastime and studied the cataloguing and archiving of folklore at the University of Uppsala in Sweden. He joined the Irish Folklore Commission when it was set up in 1935. Lack of funds meant that there were not enough researchers to cover the whole country. So in 1937 Seán Ó Súilleabháin launched an initiative whereby older primary school students would collect songs, proverbs, riddles and games in their local districts. It was a huge success and half-a-million handwritten pages came back to the commission at the end of the scheme.

Researchers like Ó Súilleabháin had to record their subjects using a large and cumbersome device known as an Ediphone. It was a painstaking process. One Sunday in 1940 he spent eight hours in a Connemara pub listening to a local man drawing on his enormous repertoire of folk-tales. Because such interviews were often conducted in Gaelic, the recordings had to be translated for later transcription. The range of topics covered by the commission's work was vast and included folk medicine, family relationships, and animal husbandry. In Ó Súilleabháin's experience, however, the most enduring aspect of Irish folklore was the widespread belief in an invisible world of fairies, spirits and banshees. As he wrote in 1974, we are now inclined to dismiss such things as baseless superstition. But, as he also pointed out, these beliefs helped the people make sense of a world in which death was never far away.

When the Commission's huge collection was transferred to the UCD library in 1971, Seán Ó Súilleabháin became a lecturer in folklore at the university. He retired in 1974. Two years later, he was awarded a doctorate in recognition of his lifelong devotion to the preservation of Ireland's rich cultural heritage. He died on December 13th 1996 at the age of ninety-three and was laid to rest in Shanganagh Cemetery.

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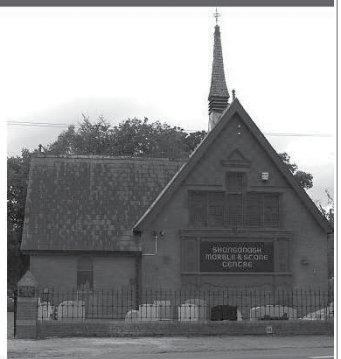

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Local History Society Lectures

Rathmichael Historical Society
Jason Bolton will present his lecture *'Early Medieval Masons in Rathdown'* on Wednesday November 1st at 8 p.m. in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €4.

The Old Dublin Society
Mary O'Connell , will present her lecture *'From Meath of the Pastures to Smithfield: A Story of a Cattle Market and a Family Who Lived There'* on Wednesday November 8th at 6 p.m. in The Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free.

Frank Whearity will present his lecture *'A Centenary Perspective on Thomas Ashe (1885 – 1917), Commandant 5th Battalion, Dublin Brigade, 1916'* on Wednesday November 22nd at 6 p.m. in The Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free. The AGM will follow at 6.45 p.m.

Irish Railway Record Society
Seán Cain will give an illustrated presentation *'Life on the Railways in County Laoise'* on Thursday November 9th at 7.30 p.m. in the IRRS Premises, Hueston Station, Dublin 8. Members and their guests only.

An Illustrated Historical Quiz Night takes place on Thursday November 23rd at 7.30 p.m. in the IRRS Premises, Dublin 8. Members and their guests only.

Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society
Diarmuid Ó Gráda will present his lecture on *'Georgian Dublin: The Forces That Shaped The City'* at 8 p.m. on Thursday November 9th in Glenalbyn Sports Centre, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission €3.

Enniskerry History Society
Rob Goodbody will present his lecture *'The Martello Towers of the Dublin Coastline'* on Thursday November 9th at 8.30 p.m. in the Powerscourt Arms and Country House Hotel, Enniskerry Village. All welcome – admission €5.

Genealogical Society of Ireland
Tadgh O'Sullivan will present his lecture *'Irishgenealogy.ie – A National Treasure'* on Tuesday November 14th at 8 p.m. in Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society
Neal Doherty will present his lecture *'The Complete Guide to the Statues and Sculptures of Dublin'* on Wednesday November 15th at 8 p.m. in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €3.50.

Bray Cualann Historical Society
Pádraig Laffan will recall *'The Desperate Fight to Save the Harvest of 1946 & The Severe Winter of 1946/47'* on Thursday November 16th at 8 p.m. in The Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All Welcome – Visitors €5.

Foxrock Local History Club
Declan Ryan will present his lecture *'The Boundary Commission of 1925'* on Tuesday November 21st at 8 p.m. in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. This lecture will be preceded by the AGM.
All welcome – admission €5.

Publications

'Footsteps through Wicklow's Past – a History of Wicklow Town and its environs from the Earliest Times to the end of the Civil War and beyond' by John Finlay, published by himself.

Wicklow Town resident John Finlay is a long time local historian, chairperson of the Wicklow Historical Society, and a regular contributor to the Society's annual journal which appears every year in June.

In this book John Finlay provides the reader with a fascinating overview of the history of this town, the county town for County Wicklow, from the earliest times to beyond the end the of the Civil War. Individual chapters he covers development and history of Wicklow Port, Wicklow Gaol which is a leading tourist attraction, the 1798 Rebellion not forgetting the many leaders and local personalities, the growth of the town during the 19th century, the affect of the Famine on the town, and the arrival of the railway.

Wicklow town's rich maritime history is covered with chapters on Captain Robert Halpin, Wicklow's most famous mariner from the Victorian era, the Coastguard Service and of course the R.N.L.I. The role and contribution to education by the Dominican Sisters and the De Salle Brothers is acknowledged while extensive coverage is devoted to 'Wicklow During the Troubles' which spans the key events between 1916 and 1923.

Three excellent addendums cover 'Wicklow's Church's – Past & Present', 'Wicklow's Oldest Buildings and most famous ruins', concluding with a 'Pictorial Stroll through Wicklow's Past' featuring numerous images from the past to the present time.

All-in-all, a really excellent history of this premier County Wicklow Town – copies will be available at monthly meetings of the Wicklow Historical Society which resume at the end of October, or from Bridge Street Books, Bridge Street, Wicklow Town.

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PLANNING NOTICES

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we feel that our readers wish to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you feel that they could be of interest to you, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D17A/0786 Seeking Permission Date: 05-Sep-2017
Paul Mahon. 13, Rathmichael Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission is sought for alteration and two-storey extension of non-habitable cottage to provide a 3 bedroom dwelling, waste-water treatment plant and percolation area, new entrance gates and walls and associated siteworks.

D17B/0409 Seeking Permission Date: 07-Sep-2017
David Shannon and Susie Dillon. Fern Cottage, 32 Lower Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission is sought for A. Material alterations to existing cottage - inclusive of porch roof to front and velux roof light to front pitch of roof. B. Ground floor extension to rear with associated 2 X courtyards. C. One and half storey extension to rear with associated 2 X roof lights. D. Retention of permission for demolition of 2 X ground floor extension to rear of cottage. E. All associated site works.

D11A/0292/E Extension Of Duration Of Permission Date: 13-Sep-2017
Hilary Murray. 62 & 64, Dorney Court, Shankill, Co. Dublin.
Retention of two existing 2 storey dwellings, demolition of existing garden walls, erection of 2 storey 3 bed (100 sq.m) semi-detached dwellings and 2 X two and a half storey detached 4 bed (120 sq.m) dwellings (incl. attic accommodation) with vehicular access from Dorney Court and off street parking for 12 cars and associated site works.

D17B/0421 Seeking Permission Date: 12-Sep-2017
Lorraone Pamucku. 5 Shanganagh Cliffs, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for ground floor only extension to the rear and side of existing house and a porch to the front of existing house and all ancillary works.

D17B/0422 Permission for Retention Date: 11-Sep-2017
Isabella McAllister. Crinken Lodge, Crinken Lane, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Retention permission for 23.2 sqm single storey flat roof extension and 21.2 sqm first floor flat roof extension to north and east of original 47.5 sqm part single storey / part two storey dwelling; also raising of east wall to create first floor flat roofed dormer.

D17A/0845 Seeking Permission Date: 21-Sep-2017
Sarah Smyth. 111 Quinns Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for ground floor granny flat extension to side, front and rear with associated site works.

D17A/0857 Permission for Retention Date: 22-Sep-2017
Barry O`Halloran. 23, Aubrey Park, Shankill, Co. Dublin.
Retention permission for widening a vehicle entrance (from 2.6m to 3.5m wide), construction of new blockwork piers (2m high), erection of new gates (1.6m high) between the piers, erection of timber fencing on top of existing front boundary wall (1.8m high) and associated landscaping works.

D17A/0860 Seeking Permission Date: 25-Sep-2017
D17A/0860 DECLARE APPLICATION INVALID Date:29-Sep-2017
D17A/0876 Seeking Permission Date: 03-Oct-2017
JC Decaux Ireland Ltd. North-East side of Loughlinstown Roundabout facing the N11 at Loughlinstown, Co Dublin
Permission for replacement of 2X 48 sheet illuminated static advertising displays, 1 X 64 sheet illuminated advertising display and 1 X 96 sheet illuminated advertising display with 2 X 48 sheet (6.4m wide x 3.35m high) Premiere internally illuminated advertising displays and associated site works.

D17B/0461 Seeking Permission & Seeking Retention Date: 05-Oct-2017
Yi Zhang & Fei Guan. 2 Myrtle Cottage, Lower Road, Co. Dublin
Permission for Retention of: A. Partial demolition of front, side and rear external walls of the house. B. Demolition of a flat roofed single storey extension to north and a single storey pitched roof sun room to east. C. Removal of main roof and a chimney stack to north gable and Retention and Completion of works comprising: D. Rebuilding of external walls in their original location. E. Construction of new main roof. F. Construction of single storey pitched roof extension of 36 sqm to east and a single storey pitched roof extension to North of 8 sqm. G. Construction of a single storey mono-pitched garden room of 19 sqm at east end of the site. H. New roof lights to main roof and new extension. I. New Solar panels to south plane of rear extension. J. All associated site works.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D17A/0628 GRANT PERMISSION Date:06-Sep-2017
Street Food Outlet Ltd. Rear of Street Food Outlet, Units 3 & 4, Ashwood House, Main Street, Shankill.
1) Retention of signage and wood fascia above entrance to rear of Unit 3. 2) Retention of relocated bin storage area to rear of Unit 4. 3) Provision of new wood sheeted screening/fencing to relocated bin storage area. 4) Retention of 1 X refrigerated storage unit (6.6 sqm) located to rear of Unit 4. 5) Existing wood surround screening/fencing to refrigerated storage unit to be raised in height by 700mm approx., all located to the rear.

D17A/0426 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 14-Sep-2017
Lidl Ireland GmbH. Shankill Shopping Centre, Corbawn Lane, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Demolition of existing building and construction of a mixed-use development comprising a two-storey building to accommodate a discount foodstore and ancillary off-license at first floor level, under croft parking at ground floor level and green roof. The construction of a two-storey café, pharmacy, medical centre and construction of a single-storey crèche and a single-storey electrical substation and switch room building, all on a 1.019 hectares' site. The proposed development also provides for surface level car parking (79 No. spaces), and bicycle parking (58 No. spaces), motorcycle parking (6 No. spaces)

D17A/0672 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 19-Sep-2017
Faye & Vincent Drouillard. Florenceville, Shanganagh Road, Shankill, Co Dublin.
Permission to add one bay window to north-facing elevation and to extend existing utility room. A protected structure.

D17B/0223 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 21-Sep-2017
Demot Daly. Knockbeg, Ferndale Road, Rathmichael, Co. Dublin
Demolition of a single storey detached garage to allow for the construction of a 92sqm two storey pitched roof extension to the side (northwest), together with a new 112sqm single storey split level extension to the rear (north, east) and addition of a new dormer window at first floor level of existing 172sqm two storey dwelling together with internal reconfiguration and refurbishment works and all associated site works.

D17A/0760 DECLARE INVALID (SITE NOTICE)
Date: 28-Sep-2017
Fiona & Peter O'Leary. The Paddock, Quarry Road, Rathmichael, Co. Dublin
Permission for dwelling house with alterations to existing entrance, driveway, drainage, onsite waste-water treatment unit with percolation area and ancillary works.

D17A/0721 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 06-Oct-2017
Robert Bruton. 1 Saint Annes Park, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Retention of vehicular entrance in front boundary wall and 2 no. piers for site to side of dwelling. Construction on site in side garden of 1 X detached 3 bedroom 2 storey dwelling with attic room with dormer roof window and 1 velux roof light both in rear slope of roof and all associated site works.

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At Brady's of Shankill we are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the **"Best Place To Eat In The County 2017"** at the DLR Chamber of Commerce Awards 2017

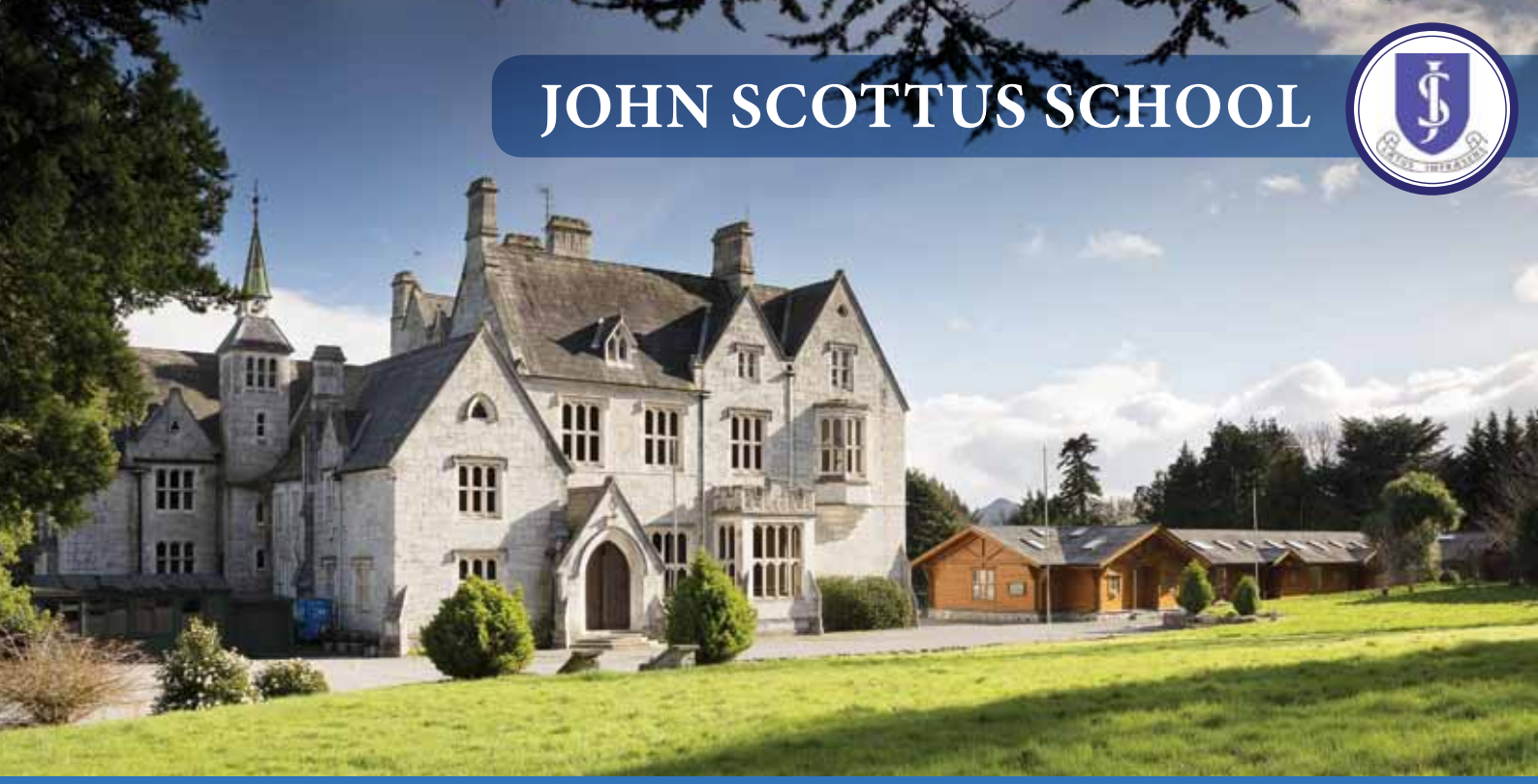
An Cathaoirleach: Tom Murphy, Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor Doreen Brosnan, John Brady, Geoff Lynam and Pat O'Neill at the presentation

Quality isn't a destination. It's an ongoing journey.

The "Local Pub" has changed over the years and food is a central part of the business. We constantly strive to provide the best experience for our customers with Family Occasions - Charity Events - Sporting Occasions and Live Music

On behalf of our dedicated team, I look forward to welcoming you at Brady's of Shankill

John Brady



JOHN SCOTTUS SCHOOL

EVOLVING EDUCATION

A series of workshops for children and the family

Yoga For The Family

"Promoting concentration and confidence through Yoga"

Nov 4th Saturday
10.30 - 12.30pm

Mindfulness Through Art

"A Christmas Art and Crafts workshop for children that develops the power of attention"

Dec 9th Saturday
10.30 - 12.30pm

Philosophy for Children

"Enjoy a morning of stories that promote curiosity, kindness and happiness"

Jan 27th Saturday
10.30 - 12.30pm

Booking: Each morning will involve two workshops and light refreshments

- ***10.30 - 11.30am*** [Workshop for **preschool and children aged 4 - 7** and parents]
- ***11.30 - 12.30pm*** [Workshop for **children aged 8 - 12** and parents]

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*All events are free but prior booking at **www.johnscottus.ie/family** is necessary.*

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